

**Middletown Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting – December 15, 2009**

**Middletown Public Library**

**700 West Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Members Present: Paul LaMond, Chair; Steve Arendt; Lucie-Anne Dionne-Thomas; John Grisham; Joyce Morgenthaller; Ellrony Williams; Arak Bozyan (ex officio).**

**Members Absent: Sally Gauch.**

**Others Present: Theresa Coish, Library Director; Sue Connor; Jerome Egan; Barbara Camadeco; Theresa Santos, Treasurer, Middletown Historical Society and member of the Middletown Town Council.**

**--Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Paul LaMond, Chair.**

**--Disposition of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of November 17, 2009 meeting: Morgenthaller. Second: Dionne-Thomas. Unanimously carried.**

**--Motion to suspend the rules to entertain remarks by Theresa Santos: Grisham. Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.**

**Address by Theresa Santos re proposed relocation of Library's War Memorial. Discussion followed, no action taken at this time, pending further information.**

**--Open call by Chair announcing Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-2, 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) (personnel matters) and 42-46-5(a)(2) (collective bargaining or litigation). No discussion re job performance to take place during session.**

**--Motion to enter executive session for the foregoing purposes: Grisham. Second: Arendt. Unanimously carried.**

**Executive session began at 6:18 P.M.**

**Executive session ended; open session resumed at 6:55 P.M.**

**--Motion to seal executive session minutes: Grisham. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**Correspondence received:**

**--Letter from MLK Center, thanking the Library for its support for the Thanksgiving Basket program.**

**Director's report: Theresa Coish orally reviewed information. Motion**

**to accept: Grisham. Second: LaMond. Unanimously carried.**

**--Motion to authorize the Director to submit Library's energy-efficiency improvement proposals as a package to the Town for capital improvement purposes: LaMond. Second: Morgenthaler. Unanimously carried.**

### **Committee reports:**

**--Budget: Steve Arendt reported that the committee will be meeting prior to the January Board meeting to review current financial situation. Discussion re recent threatened cutbacks in municipal aid from state.**

**--Contract Negotiations: Appointments tabled, no report.**

**--Director's Evaluation: No report.**

**--Friends Liaison: Joyce Morgenthaler reported that the bookstore has raised approximately \$6,000 this year. Proposed series of meet-the-author events at the Library discussed; one such presentation scheduled in January, others may follow.**

**--Policy Review: No report. Further discussion re need for Library website policy. Committee to review model policies for consideration. Demonstration of proposed site, with current updates,**

**conducted.**

**--Programs/Outreach: No report, appointments deferred. Function and necessity of committee debated.**

**--Survey Committee: Patron survey to be conducted through Library's web site.**

### **Old Business:**

**--Update on Young Adult, A/V area plan. Painting to begin shortly. Bookcases and necessary electrical wiring to be ordered.**

**--Final approval of collective bargaining agreement expected shortly.**

### **New Business:**

**Discussion re Capital Improvement Plan – covered in and following Director's Report.**

**2010 Meeting Dates specified: Regularly scheduled meetings to be held on Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.**

**Public presentation to, or discussion with the Board:**

**No one asked to address the Board during this portion of the meeting.**

**--Motion to adjourn: Arendt. Second: Morgenthaler. Unanimously carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John W. Grisham**

**Secretary**